

**INSTRUCTION****Avoidance of Abduction and Sexual Abuse**

The School Board is concerned about the welfare and safety of the District's students. Furthermore, the Board recognized that the possibility of child abduction and sexual abuse are ever-present dangers to school-age children. Therefore, all students in grades kindergarten through eight shall receive instruction, study and discussion of effective methods by which students may recognize the dangers of abduction and sexual abuse.

The School Board directs that instruction regarding abduction and sexual abuse be provided as a part of the District's regular curriculum. Such instruction shall be developed in cooperation with local government and law enforcement officials and appropriate private agencies. The District's Curriculum Committee shall assist with the design of the course of instruction and recommend its implementation to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall present the Committee's recommendations to the School Board for the Board's approval.

The course of instruction regarding the dangers of abduction shall address the following goals:

1. Cooperate with local government and private agencies in the prevention of abduction and sexual abuse and the handling of an abduction and/or sexual abuse incident.
2. Create a positive climate where students may ask for and receive counseling
3. Provide information to parents/guardians regarding the instruction their children will receive.
4. Establish instruction and discussion of abduction and sexual abuse in a manner which allays children's fears and concerns.

The parent(s)/guardian(s) of students in grades kindergarten through eight shall receive notification of the District's intent to provide instruction regarding abduction and sexual abuse no later than five (5) days prior to the first class presentation. A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may submit a written objection to the classroom teacher refusing to allow their child to participate in the class during the time of the presentation.

Lack of participation in the instruction on abduction and sexual abuse shall not cause the student to be failed, suspended or expelled.

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